

award those contracts on the basis of "best value" rather than "lowest price" partly in order to encourage this more expensive, but less intrusive method of transportation. Specific transportation plans will be presented to the City of Coronado subsequent to contractor selection.

- Free passenger ferry service exists now between downtown San Diego and NAS North Island. Additional service to the north side of San Diego Bay is on track to begin in July 1996. A new pier will be constructed and a parking lot designated at the Antisubmarine Training Center in San Diego Harbor's West Basin. Initial service will include a 100-space parking lot, to be expanded to 300 spaces as passenger volume increases. Shuttle service from the North Island ferry terminal to work sites on base is already in place.

- Park and Ride sites at Imperial Beach and NAS Miramar are also being negotiated. Key here is identification of sites which are convenient to users. Other actions have been implemented to complement this measure, including prime parking spaces reserved for car pools, institution of van pools, guaranteed rides home for car and van pool riders as well as discounted mass transit fares.

Comments were also received expressing concern that the FEIS did not adequately address cumulative impacts associated with future replacement of North Island's two remaining conventionally powered aircraft carriers and other BRAC related actions. Chapter Six of the FEIS addressed cumulative impacts in quantitative detail, when practicable, for past, present and future projects at North Island and in the San Diego area.

Future Navy projects will be the subject of independent NEPA analysis. The cumulative impacts of past and present projects coupled with the CVN homeporting projects have not been determined to be significant.

Mitigation

The following mitigation measures will be employed to ensure minimization of environmental impacts associated with dredging and disposal operations: (1) Compliance with the permit conditions established by the COE, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Coastal Commission which regulate dredging operations and define dredge sediment disposal locations; (2) adherence to the "no barge overflow" requirement; (3) adherence to a dredge and disposal monitoring plan for testing and evaluation of water quality parameters, selected chemical

contaminants and measures of turbidity in the water column; (4) use of precision navigational equipment at both the dredging and disposal sites; and (5) placement of all dredged material suitable for beach nourishment nearshore for the protection of severely eroded beaches or a combination of nearshore and onshore disposal as previously described.

Traffic and socioeconomic impacts associated with the proposed CVN homeporting at NASNI are not significant in context because there have historically been three conventionally powered aircraft carriers (CVs) homeported at NASNI. A CVN has a personnel complement of approximately 102 personnel more than that of a CV. The depot-level maintenance facilities would increase personnel complement to an average of 750 personnel for a six-month maintenance availability period every 24 months. However, comparing the full-buildout year of 1999 with the baseline year of 1992 indicates there will be an overall decrease of 330 personnel.

Construction of the 13.4 acre bay fill area will result in the elimination of 13.4 acres of intertidal and shallow water subtidal habitat, including 3.9 acres of eelgrass located in the nearshore area. Mitigation will include the creation of 14 acres of new bay bottom, establishment of 8 acres of eelgrass and the creation of fish enhancement structures in the tidal area. Additionally compensation will include the relocation of burrowing owls from the mitigation area to other areas and the placement of clean sand from the mitigation site at two areas on NASNI to enhance habitat for the California least tern and Western snowy plover. Placement of the clean sand will not occur during the California least tern or the Western snowy plover nesting season. Further compensation for the plant species Nuttall's lotus and coast woolly-head at the mitigation site includes the removal and relocation of the top 6 inches of soil containing seeds from these plants, to another location, free from disturbance at NASNI. Impacts to nesting great blue herons, snowy egrets, and black-crowned night herons at the new maintenance facility site will be compensated by establishing replacement habitat at a site where there would be fewer long-term impacts by NASNI activities.

Questions regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Robert Hexom, Environmental Planning, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California

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Dated: December 13, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Public Forum

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Activity.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) will submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The ICR is: NAEP Consumer Survey Research Study of the Achievement Levels for the U.S. History NAEP and the Geography NAEP.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted by February 20, 1996. Mail to: Susan Cooper Loomis, NAEP ALS Project Director, American College Testing, 2201 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52243. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendices may be obtained from the NAEP ALS Project Director at the address above. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to LOOMIS@ACT.ORG. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file and exclude any special characters and forms of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the title of the ICR. No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as confidential business information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by NAGB without prior notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Loomis, NAEP ALS Project Director, American College Testing,

2201 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52243, Telephone: (310) 337-1048 or (800) 525-6929, e-mail: loomis@act.org.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic copies of this ICR can be obtained from the contact person listed above.

I. Information Collection Request

NAGB is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request (ICR).

Title: NAEP Consumer Survey Research Study of the Achievement Levels for the U.S. History NAEP and the Geography NAEP.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are persons included in a broadly representative sample including persons identified as nominators of achievement levels-setting (ALS) panelists for pilot studies and ALS, as well as samples of subscribers to the Smithsonian magazine (for U.S. History) and The National Geographic for geography.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection activity is to gather information for NAGB regarding the achievement levels set for the 1994 NAEP in U.S. History and in Geography. In particular, Congress has deemed that the achievement levels must be shown to be reasonable, valid, and informative to the public. This survey is designed to collect responses from individuals who are likely to have some interest in the ALS process (having been invited in 1994 to nominate individuals to serve as panelists for the ALS process) and individuals who are likely to have some interest in the subjects for which achievement levels have been developed.

A report has been developed in the form of a newspaper (The NAEP Reporter) to provide respondents information about the NAEP, and about the achievement levels. The "newspaper" report was developed as a means of providing information in a format that would be interesting to the respondent. Unlike actual newspaper articles that have reported on the recently-released results of the NAEP, this account does not judge the outcomes regarding student performances. That is, this report is objective and neither applauds nor decries the performance of students on the NAEP. A brief questionnaire elicits responses to questions regarding the usefulness and informativeness of the achievement levels for reporting NAEP results. The survey is printed on a postage-paid, self-mailer card.

No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

Burden Statement: The estimated total respondent burden is 924 hours, and the average burden per respondent is .44 hours. This is a one-time survey. Individuals included in the survey will not be contacted for follow-up comments.

No small businesses nor other small entities are included in the survey.

II. Request for Comments

NAGB solicits comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is an appropriate method to determine the usefulness and informativeness of the achievement levels to the public.
- (ii) Enhance the accuracy, quality, and utility of the information to be collected.
- (iii) Evaluate whether the design of this survey maximizes the response rate, i.e. the number of persons who will respond, given the desire to have the sample be broadly representative of persons with some interest in the educational progress of K-12 students and in the general content of the disciplines of geography and U.S. history.

Records are kept of all public comments and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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Desegregation of Public Education-Desegregation Assistance Center (DAC) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

Purpose of Program: Provides grants to operate regional DACs to enable them to provide technical assistance and training, at the request of school boards and other responsible governmental agencies, on issues related to race, sex, and national origin desegregation.

Eligible Applicants: A public agency (other than a State educational agency or a school board) or private, nonprofit organization.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 2, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 2, 1996.

Applications Available: December 20, 1995.

Available Funds: The Congress has not yet enacted a fiscal year 1996

appropriation for the Department of Education. The Department is publishing this notice in order to give potential applicants adequate time to prepare applications. The estimates below of the amount of funds that will be available for grants under this program are based in part on the President's 1996 budget request, in part on the level of funding available in fiscal year 1995, and in part on Congressional action to date.

Potential applicants should note, however, that the Congress is considering proposals to eliminate or reduce funding in 1996 for many of the discretionary grant programs administered by the Department. Final action on the 1996 appropriation may require the Department to cancel some of the competitions or to revise upward or downward the amount of funds estimated to be available for particular competitions.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$400,000-\$900,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$650,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85 and 86; except that 34 CFR 75.232 does not apply to grants under 34 CFR Part 272; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 270 and 272.

For Applications or Information

Contact: Adell S. Washington, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Portals, Suite 4500, Washington, D.C. 20202-6140. Telephone (202) 260-2495. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-5